

What your church can do on 3rd April



Vulnerable people flee the conflict in Ukraine

What's happening on Sunday 3rd April

Churches and Christians across the UK are uniting in prayer and solidarity with the people of Ukraine on Sunday, 3 April.

If you'd like to join this act of witness simply wear blue and yellow to church services and lead your congregation (or ask your church leader to do so) in this prayer for Passion Sunday

Prayer for Passion Sunday

God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace.
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security
and safety

Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones

Be with those who are bereaved.

Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.

Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,

And a passion for justice to prevail

and a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.

Creator of all hear our prayer

And bring us peace. make us whole.

Amen

Other ideas for your service

Light candles during the prayer for Ukraine

Hold up hearts in blue and yellow (mimicking the Ukrainian flag) during the time of prayer. These hearts can also be displayed around or outside the church. Ask people to bring these in advance or draw/paint them during the service.

If people are happy to be photographed after the service, take photographs of them holding their hearts.

Or a group of you could form the shape of a heart with your bodies and take a photo - ideally from up high to get the whole shape.

Share your photos on social media along with the hashtag #wepayforukraine and why not also share them with the local press.

Connecting with other activity on Passion Sunday

Christian Aid will be joining senior church leaders in an act of witness outside the Ukrainian embassy in London. You can follow what's going on by Christian Aid's Facebook page

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